Yankee Air MUSEUM

HANGAR HAPPENINGS

What's happening in and about the YANKEE AIR MUSEUM

Celebrating 30 years 1981-2011

CELEBRATING OUR 30TH YEAR! JUNE 2011

Italian Bistro Night Sets Record

The seventh Yankee Air Museum Italian Bistro night, the first held in our own home, was done under a starry Venetian skyline, much to the delight of the near capacity crowd. The backdrop was courtesy of the U of M Gilbert & Sullivan Society, used in *The Gondoliers* production April, 2010 at Lydia Mendelssohn Theater. *The Couriers* big band, again sponsored by Bob & Karen Hott, was outstanding as always and a good time was had by all.

There were more dancers (or would-be dancers) this year than ever before who participated in the dance lesson given by the EMU Swing Club dancers. Sorry to report for the wine tasting contest that the wine tasters again, by and large this year, chose the cheap wine over the more expensive wines, but helped the Yankee Sommeliers raise $130 for the Museum. Michael Tindall won the 50/50 and made a generous donation back to YAM.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who made this event possible and to Jane Spires their fearless leader.

If you missed the event, buy your tickets early next year, as it was nearly sold out this year.

Drano

Top: The gourmet coffee bar was something new. www.cateredcoffee.com

Left: Those who entered the wine tasting had a chance to win a bottle of wine. Photos by Al Hudson except as noted

The excellent food was provided by **Carlson Catering**, **Sterling Services** and **Elite Catering**, all who have been supporting this event for several years now. Many thanks to them.

THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY umgass

MANY THANKS TO U OF M GILBERT & SULLIVAN SOCIETY FOR LOANING YANKEE THE VENETIAN SKYLINE FOR ITALIAN BISTRO NIGHT. IT WAS AWESOME. FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS GROUP THAT PUTS ON OUTSTANDING G & S PRODUCTIONS EVERY DECEMBER AND APRIL GO TO WWW.UMGASS.ORG

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MEETING SCHEDULE

General Membership
1st Wednesday of Month - 7:30 PM
Members FREE, non-members $5

Flyable Aircraft Meeting
2nd Tuesday of months below - 3:00 PM
December, March, June, Sept

Board Meeting
2nd Thursday of Month - 7:00 PM

YAM Dispatch Riders Meeting
3rd Saturday of Month—10:00 AM

Staff Meeting
4th Saturday of Month - 10:00 AM
All Department Chairs and Managers

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YANKEE AIR FORCE BYLAWS ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

The YAF is organized exclusively to obtain, restore, preserve and operate historic and vintage aircraft, related components for historical research and public educational purposes, and to establish a museum to facilitate the public display and exhibition of such items.

PAST DATES OF INTEREST

3-6 June 1942	**Battle of Midway**. Decisive U.S. air and naval victory over Japanese forces in the Central Pacific
3 June 1959	Graduation of first **USAF Academy** class
5 June 1944	First long-range **B-29** mission flown against railroad shops in Bangkok, Thailand
5 June 1945	Last **B-24** delivered from Consolidated San Diego plant
6 June 1944	Allied troops land in Normandy in the **D-Day invasion** of northern France
8 June 1995	Downed **USAF F-16 pilot** Capt. Scott O'Grady rescued in Bosnia after 6 days alone in hostile territory
15 June 1944	China-based **B-29**s (47) of the 58th Bomb Wing make the first attack (since Doolittle) on Japanese homeland (Yawata)
19-20 June 1944	**Battle of the Philippine Sea.** "The Great Marianas Turkey Shoot." Japanese carrier air arm destroyed by U.S. naval aircraft
22 June 1942	**First Foreign Attack** on a Continental Military Installation Since War of 1812. Japanese sub shells Ft. Stevens near Astoria, Oregon
25 June 1986	**Yankee Air Museum** purchases B-17
26 June 1948	**Berlin Airlift** begins in response to Russian blockade
29 June 1945	Last **B-24** delivered from Ford Willow Run plant
30 June 1943	As of this date the USAAF had accepted 2,988 **Liberators** of all models and types
30 June 1950	President Truman authorizes air strike on **North Korea**
June 2011	**Yankee Air Museum** marks 26th year of ownership of its B-17 **Yankee Lady**

May 50/50 was won by
Dave Tremain (Security)
who donated his winnings to the hangar fund

To contact Hangar Happening's
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JULY 2011 ISSUE DEADLINE IS JUNE 10TH
BUT BETTER TO TURN IN ITEMS JUNE 1ST OR BEFORE

Executive Director Report - Randy Hotton

This month's Executive Director's Report comes as we move into another busy summer of Yankee Air Museum activity. We continue to make real progress in obtaining our 2011 goals set at our January off-site meeting. Our number one goal remains getting a hangar for our flyable airplanes, and progress is being made. We had a good meeting with the Wayne County Airport Authority to address infrastructure concerns and believe we made headway in resolving some of these issues. As we announced last month we have moved into hangar space at Detroit Metro Airport for all three airplanes.

Top four 2011 Goals

1. Enhance the visitor Experience with major improvement No Later Than (NLT) Dec 31st, one per quarter.
   - The collection's and display committee has started making changes in the lay out of the high bay area. You will see that the steel cages in the Southwest corner have been removed. This will make it look more like a museum rather than a workshop, but restoration work will continue as before.
   - In place of the caged area the Willow Run Story Banners will be displayed.
   - The Link Trainer will be moved to a location with the rest of the simulators
   - The USA Jet DC-9 simulator has received a sponsor and will become animated to further enhance the visitor experience
   - The Ford built B-24 center section restoration/preservation job is moving forward and should be ready to move into the center of the high bay area by the end of the summer.
   - If you have not seen the Huey that was the backdrop of our May 21, Vietnam Veterans recognition event, you have really missed out. It is really laid out well and even has a mannequin of Jerry Towler sitting in the right seat and a jury-rigged machine gun out the right side door.
2. Hire a Development Director NLT April 30th (Goal Achieved)
3. Further develop Web Site to pursue E Commerce
   - Hangar Happenings is now available on line in color on our Yankee Air Museum web site; contact membership, membership@yankeeairmuseum.org if you wish to no longer receive HH in the mail. That will save the Museum printing and mailing costs. (see more on pg 8)
   - Our web site continues to produce revenue; we are now selling tickets to our events directly on our web site along with the retail store purchases. The use of our web site as a sales and information tool will continue to grow this year.
   - Our PR department is working with Sara Wagner to further enhance our social media exposure.
   - We had a demonstration of museum fund raising and management software called "Donor Perfect" in early May. This is ideally suited for our Museum growth at this time and should soon be a tool to further enhance our operation.
   - The Museum will soon have MS Office Outlook available to all Yankee Air Museum computers; this should allow a better sharing of Museum information/calendars/scheduling for all users.
4. We continue to work on defining our Marketing and Public Relations roles, this was going to be in our policy manual NLT May 31st. However with Yankee Air Museum Strategy meeting that took place on May 25th we have further defined these roles and will delay the publishing of this policy.

The staff set the following as sub-goals for the Museum without completion dates.

- Membership: A Membership Marketing meeting was held in early May to define our product and how to go about attracting more members to the Yankee air Museum. This was further defined at our Yankee Air Museum Strategy meeting. We have expanded our membership goals to include 3500 paying members and 1000 flex ride members for 2011.

We continue to look at all projects with the Return on Investment (ROI) as a factor to determine if we will pursue that project. By eliminating many of the projects that did not match our museum's theme we have saved the Yankee Air Museum over $50,000. Work on the AT-11 has stopped and this project will be moved out of the T-Hangar this month. The Snow-Go, Vanette and A-6 projects have been de-accessed.

General Membership Meetings:

As I have said in my column before, these are "not to miss evenings". In May we had a good turnout of nearly 60 people to hear of my adventures flying P-3's around Vietnam. There was a 50/50 pot of $132, Please come join us for the programs scheduled in the coming months.

Jun: "Bombs Away" The story of military aviation in the State of Michigan.
Jul: California Capitol Air Show – Sacramento 2010, a gathering of P-38's, Dave Steiner
Aug: Ray Hunter will give an encore presentation on USAF Helicopter operation in Vietnam
Sep: Sandra O'Connell, author; An American Family in World War II, a B-17 pilot's letters home

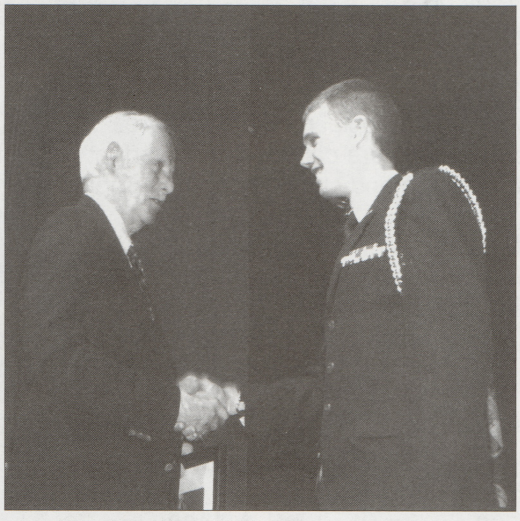
DON BURKE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNER

The Yankee Air Museum Don Burke Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a deserving student pursuing studies in aviation other than being a pilot.

This year's 2011 Don Burke Memorial Scholarship winner was Robert Boyle. A United States Air Force Veteran, Robert has always had a passion for aviation. He spoke briefly about his time in the service at April's membership meeting. Robert intends to use the funds towards certification exam fees and his tuition at MIAT. Yankee Education Director is shown presenting Robert his award and check.

NEW PRR on Web Page

The finance committee has developed a new purchase/reimbursement requisition form. It is posted on the Yankee HQ internal web page where you can download it. Department heads are familiar with PRR procedures and rules, and those have not changed.



Yankee Board Chair Ray Hunter presents the Yankee Air Museum Liberator Award to cadet Calvin Heim.
(editor's note: This was reported last month but no photo was available at that time)

Yankee Air Force Liberator Award

UMROTC cadet Calvin Heim was awarded the Yankee Air Force Liberator award, given annually to a U of M ROTC cadet. Calvin is a sophomore majoring in Mechanical Engineering from Tecumseh, MI and he wants to be a Para-rescue officer.

The award is shown at right, a B-24 with a special nose art paint scheme of Michigan Stadium.

Have A Yankee Story from Our First 30 Years?

If you have an interesting and/or humorous story you'd like to share at the Yankee Air Museum 30th Birthday **GALA**, take a few minutes to write it down and submit it for consideration for presentation at the party this fall, or perhaps printing in HH. Send to hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org

LEE BOTTOM FLYING FIELD

There are a few seats available for the most awesome C-47 trip of the year; The Wood, Fabric & Tail-dragger fly-in to 64I.

See page 13 for details and check out the web site ww.leebottom.com. 2010 was to be the last year for this event but Ginger and Rich Davidson got more help so it will continue to celebrate the Golden Age of Avia-

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B-24J-161-CO USAAC Tail Number 44-40429
The B-24 Liberator Bomber "Michigan" served in World War II with the 64th Bomb Squadron, 43rd Bomb Group in the Pacific Theater (5th AAF) from 1942-1946.
Presented to University of Michigan AFROTC Cadet Calvin Heim, 5 April 2011, by the Yankee Air Museum.
MICHIGAN
Yankee Air Force Liberator Award - 2011
Nose Art by Sarkis Bartigian, SSgt, USAAC, c1943

ATTENTION GOLFERS

YANKEE AIR MUSEUM
GOLF WAR 2011
18 HOLE SCRAMBLE & FUND RAISER

Help raise money for the **Yankee Air Museum**

September 27th 11 am shotgun start

Selfridge ANGB, Mt Clemens, MI

Last year we had A-10s, Chinooks and C-130's doing fly-overs!

Team up with the ANG & YAM for a Great Day

Support and/or join a lot of just *plane* crazy golfers

Entry Fee per player *◇ - $75 by Sept 9th , $85 at door including dinner

Make checks payable to Yankee Air Museum, PO Box 590, Belleville, MI 48112-0590

Player names must be submitted by Sept 20th to be on base security list

No problem assigning you to a team if you don't have one

Proof of insurance, Driver's license and Current Vehicle Registration required to drive on base

Coffee & donuts at the start, dog, chips and pop at the turn

Sponsorship opportunities

Event/hole sponsorships $100

Special **GOLF WAR** trophy with winners' names *immortalized* on affixed Dog Tag

Grand Prize drawing - a ride in the *Yankee Lady* B-17

◇ Only entry fees received/postmarked by Sept 9th will be entered into the bomber ride drawing

Information: (734) 645-1150 or (734) 483-4030 ext 247, leave a message for Dave Steiner or email dsteiner@blackmoreco.com

* all but $36 is tax deductible - Yankee Air Museum is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit

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Speaking of Selfridge, Yankee Executive Director **Randy Hotton** will be in the cockpit of the Lockheed P-3 Orion submarine hunter, the type he flew as a Naval Aviator, at the Selfridge Airpark Museum. The former squadron members of VP 93, now disestablished, help maintain and staff the plane for tours. VP 93 home page is http://home.neo.rr.com/vp93/ or link to it and get more information about the Selfridge Museum from www.selfridgeairmuseum.org

Security requires driver's license, registration and proof of insurance for your vehicle to get on the base.

Modest admission is charged for the museum/airpark. Get a personal tour from Randy on these Sunday afternoon dates.

- June 12
- July 17
- August 7
- September 4
- October 16 & 30

Team Drano Will Defend Golf War Title

The 2011 Yankee Air Museum GOLF WAR will be held in September 27th at Selfridge ANGB. Last years winners were Team Drano, Dave "Drano" Steiner, Mick Mininni, Matt Dame and Patrick Colbeck, pictured below with the coveted GOLF WAR IRON BAG trophy on which their names now reside.

For more information about this event contact Dave Steiner dsteiner@blackmoreco.com, or call (800) 874-8660.

Sponsors and players needed. You need not be a low handicapper or even have a golf handicap to play in this event. It is a best ball scramble, so just come out to have fun and play a course the public isn't normally allowed on. Good meal too!

Grand prize drawing for the event is a ride in the B-17. How many golf outings give you that opportunity!

Bob Hassan

Hangar Happenings *FLYER online*

Hangar Happenings *FLYER*, gets you the latest on what's happening at Yankee Air Museum. Several have been sent out already. Go to the Yankee home page and fill in the box as shown below. **Not to worry, the normal Hangar Happenings will be mailed to you as always.**

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Yankee Dog Taggers

If you'd like to become a member of the Dog Tag and Retail team and be eligible to be chosen for air show trips get in contact with Steve Hopper in retail, www.retail@yankeeairmuseum.org . Interested candidates will be contacted by Steve for DT school.

RENEW

NOW

FOR 2011/2012
PLEASE SIGN UP ONLINE !

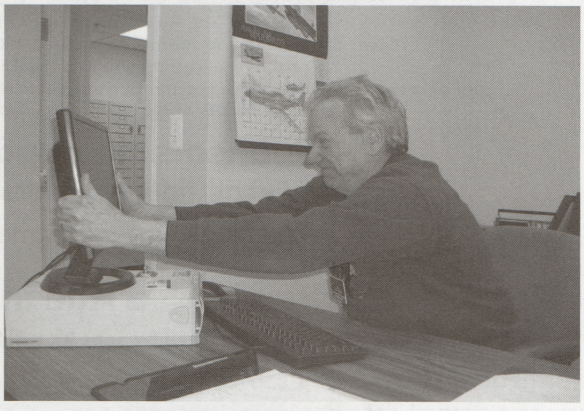
Kroger Community Rewards: YOU MUST REUP FOR 2011/12 STARTING APRIL 2011

Yankee's enrollment for the last year ended on April 30, 2011 so **you must re-enroll** for the period May 1, 2011 through April 30, 2012. **This may be done anytime after April 1, 2011 but now must be done online.**

Enroll at www.krogercommunityrewards.com. Have your Kroger Plus Card number ready (the twelve numbers below the barcode) if you already have one. You will also need an email address and you must enter a password of your choice. If you don't have a Kroger Plus Card you can get one immediately at your local Kroger service desk. The Yankee Air Museum registered number is 83614, but Yankee will be on a pull-down list on the registration site.

This program is for Kroger shoppers in Michigan only. Just make sure you have a Kroger card registered to Yankee Air Museum. **Any friend of Yankee can register.**

The Membership Department needs help!



Well other than the obvious……..

The Membership Department needs an able volunteer to maintain our Membership records, enter new and renewal Membership information and assist with mailings. You must be a current Member, comfortable working with computers and confidential information and periodically be able to help Jim control his computer frustrations.

For more information, please contact jim.race@yankeeairmuseum.org or jerace@talkamerica.net.

Lauren is back and YOU need to get busy !

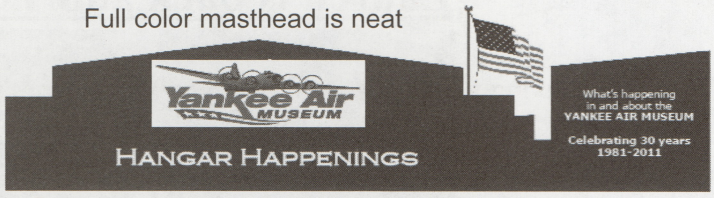
Become a Yankee Star! Sign up a new Member of the Yankee Air Museum by July 4 and you will receive a free ticket to Thunder Over Michigan.
Sign up two new Members and you will receive two free tickets.
(All Members will continue to receive a free admission ticket to Thunder Over Michigan.)

Don't disappoint Lauren.

Yankee Air MUSEUM

Hangar Happenings in Color? HH is NOW online in COLOR on the Yankee web site

Full color masthead is neat



Hangar Happenings is now online in color (colour for Canadians, eh?) for your viewing pleasure. Just go to the Yankee home page, click on Media, then on Hangar Happenings. HH will be posted early in the month so you won't have to keep checking your mailbox to get the latest Yankee information, or wonder when the Postal Service will get it to you. In fact, all the 2011 issues are posted if you want to see what they would have looked like in color. So have a look. Very sharp!

The files can be 4-7 MB depending on how many photos are in the issue, so you need a moderately fast connection or you might need to give it a few minutes to download. Also make sure you have the latest Adobe version. Thanks to **Mike Hudson** for making this possible. We hope to greatly expand the Yankee Photo Gallery (on the same "Media" page) in the future to make it a site where you can spend hours looking at all things Yankee!

BUT NOT TO WORRY! HH will continue to come in the mail as always (eventually) if you do nothing. If you don't get your HH in the mail, contact the membership department at membership@yankeeairmuseum.org or call (734) 483-4030 x 225 as they maintain the membership list. DO NOT contact Hangar Happenings. Membership can check to see if your name is on the mailing list. Sorry to say there are about a dozen people each month who don't receive their HH in the mail. We've never been able to ascertain why. But now with HH being posted online IN COLOR, you can get it there, the first of every month no matter where you live.

If you would prefer NOT to receive HH in the mail, thereby saving the Museum printing and mailing costs, send an email to membership@yankeeairmuseum.org with HH online in the subject line, and your name and address in the email so they may remove you from the HH mailing data base. Then enjoy HH in color anywhere in the world.

But wait, there's more!

Get Automatic Notification about New Postings on the Yankee Web Site

Want to get automatic notification when something NEW has been posted to Yankee? Such as HH? Sign up for this FREE service and you will receive an email every time something new is posted on the Yankee web site, and exactly where/what it is. Even if just a word or two are added or subtracted about an event. http://www.changedetection.com/contact.html. Or just Google changedetection.com. Signing up is FREE and easy.

Michigan Aviation Historical Society Meeting

The **Michigan Aviation Historical Society** (**MAHS**) will be holding its **June** meeting in the YAM meeting room. These meetings consist entirely of an aviation related program such as digital slides or video of various aircraft, air museums or air shows. Guest presenters in the past have included former astronaut Jack Lousma, Tuskegee Airmen P-51 pilot Alexander Jefferson and YAF member John A. Clark who flew 32 combat missions as a B-17 copilot during WWII.

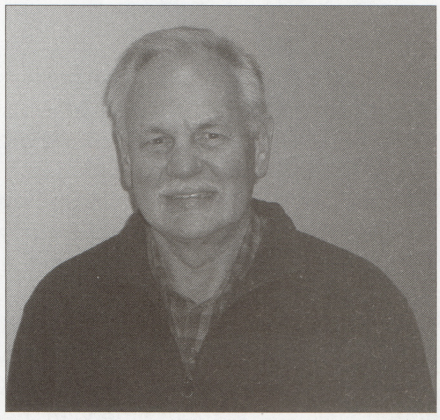
Everyone is sincerely invited to attend. Membership in MAHS or YAM is not required. Admission is absolutely free and no reservations are needed. All programs start shortly after 7:00pm and generally run until approximately 10:00pm. Feel free to arrive and depart at any time. Dress is very casual. Blue jeans are most acceptable.

Meeting Date	**Saturday, June 18th 7:00pm**
Location	**Yankee Air Museum Meeting Room**
Program	**Aviation Photos by noted aviation artist and long time USAF Art Program artist Harley Copic**

For information contact Todd Hackbarth toddhackbarth@yahoo.com

How Can I Help?

by John Romanski



Recruiting volunteers is a learning experience. I have learned that people with limited financial resources offer lots of time. Generous financial donors never have a spare minute. We are very fortunate to have members who contribute time, talent and money. The question I hear the most is "How can I help"?

CONTRIBUTE TO THE YANKEE AIR MUSEUM NEW HANGAR CAMPAIGN

We really need to build a permanent home for the flyable aircraft. If you haven't done so already, please donate. Visit *www. michiganaerospace.org* for details.

VOLUNTEER AT THE MUSEUM OR EVENTS

Our new building, education programs, and events require volunteers. Some members are able to occasionally help at events while others contribute 10.000 hours or more over the years. Your participation, no matter how modest, is appreciated and makes us a unique museum.

To volunteer, email me at *www.volunteers@yankeeairmuseum.org*. You are welcome to attend a volunteer orientation session and meet department heads who will answer your questions. See next month's issue of *Hangar Happenings* for dates and times. Don't be a stranger. Stop by the museum and make new friends.

PROMOTE THE MUSEUM AND THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN

It's amazing how many people have never heard of our Museum or air show. If 250 members took the time to distribute 20 THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN brochures, our story would get out to 5,000 people. Word of mouth is the most effective form of advertising. THUNDER is a great conversation starter that easily leads into discussing our Museum, membership, FLEX rides, etc.

We have new eye catching brochures but they don't do us any good sitting in boxes. If you would like to help, stop by the new building and pick up some THUNDER brochures at the information kiosk. Also take a few of the new volunteer, FLEX ride, membership and room rental pamphlets. Talk to your friends, family, neighbors and coworkers about next month's air show. Give them a THUNDER brochure during your conversation. If the person you talk to responds very positively also give them volunteer, membership or FLEX ride literature. Distribute brochures person-to-person whenever possible. During this time of year your neighbors will be outside making it a lot easier to reach them. Keep in mind that many local communities prohibit attaching literature to screen doors, mail boxes or automobile windshield wiper blades.

If for some reason you can't talk to someone in person send a THUNDER brochure by mail. Also consider sending emails that include links to the Yankee and THUNDER websites.

Oral History Department Needs WWII Era Folks To Be Interviewed

The Oral History Department is looking for people who would like to be interviewed for a joint venture between Eastern Michigan University and Yankee Air Museum on August 9, 2011. We need WWII veterans, "Rosie the Riveters", and Bomber Plant employees. Anyone who was on the homefront during WWII would be considered as well. The interviews will be conducted by local teachers and will be submitted to the Library of Congress. They will also be held at the Yankee Air Museum and at EMU. Candidates must be able to travel to Eastern Michigan University in Ypsilanti for the interview. Wheelchair assistance will be available if anyone needs it. Free parking and a reception for the interviewees and their guests will also be provided. Please contact Debbie Nickell at Debbie.nickell@yankeeairmuseum.org or at 734-718-5148 for more information or to sign up!

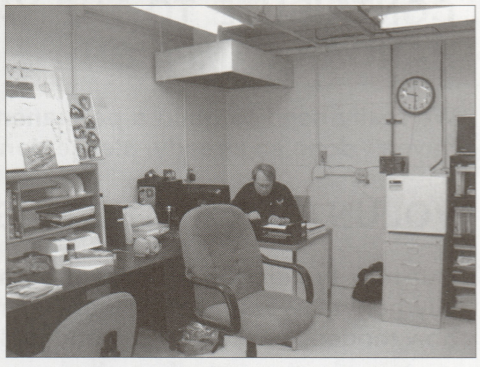
RESTORATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

Russ Banush

GENERAL NEWS

March and the beginning of April was a busier than usual month of activity for the department. A very important task was required for the Yankee Air Museum….CLEAN OUT HANGAR 2 OR THE AIRPORT WILL HIRE A CONTRACTOR AND BILL YANKEE! Joe Amend organized a crew from the restoration gang and was helped by Steve Hopper (SDM) to get the job done. Seven massive dumpsters were filled over two successive Saturdays, and the gang was at it until 7 PM both dates! In addition to Joe and Steve, volunteers included Bob DuBert, Hank Grudzien, John Marker, Ralph Koehler, Dave Nowak, Roger Peterson, Lee Petersen, Jeff Altshuller, Nick Gabriel, Ken Nelson, Tyler and Grandfather, Rich Bauer, Ron Huber and a Ron who came with Steve.

BIG GAIN



We congratulate Dwight 'Kos" Koslowski on his retirement after many years of service with the Oakwood Health Care System, and we are very delighted that he will spend more time with the restoration group. Dwight will take on the administrative, research and documentation responsibilities of the department, and anything else with which he feels comfortable! Kos has been an immense help with his wealth of talent. The camera recently caught him at work during his first week of retirement in the restoration office. He hit the ground running, as they say. See Kos at the other end of the camera for a change! Perhaps you did not know that it is he who puts all the pictures in the Yankee Air Museum Photo Gallery. If you have not viewed this on the web, do so NOW! It is very impressive. See page 12 for the link.

B-24 PROJECT

Visitors and volunteers are amazed at the progress taking place with our efforts to restore the severely "damaged" sections of the famous bomber that will be a major display for our factory simulation exhibit. Sounds of riveting, hammering, grinding, drilling, etc. can be heard in the bay area. We are recognized as the chief noise makers! However, it is necessary as there is so much to do and so many to thank for the dynamic changes that can be seen. It is amazing to realize the talent that we have! Can you imagine what we would have to pay skilled people to do what our volunteers accomplish?

SPAD PROJECT in Mr. Rodgers' Neighborhood

The top wings are now under construction for this magnificent World War One fighter; all the work has been accomplished with only a basic set of plans and raw materials since the construction of this famous iconic airplane started. Apart from basic hardware such as screws, nuts, bolts, etc. we cannot go to any place for parts. Everything has to be built from scratch. As it sits on the floor of the bay, one can see the progress taking place. Bob Sloan recently built a stairway/platform that people can walk up and get a close up top side view of the plane. We are a people friendly museum!

PB4Y-2 PRIVATEER

The port side (i.e., left side) elevator (horizontal tail control surface) that was removed last fall from the aircraft located in the airpark has been brought to the bay area for fabric restoration. Removal of sections revealed a lot of critter debris that was cleaned by Ron Huber and Russ Banush. Detailed sketches of the rib locations and access panels were made so the new fabric covering could be accurately placed.

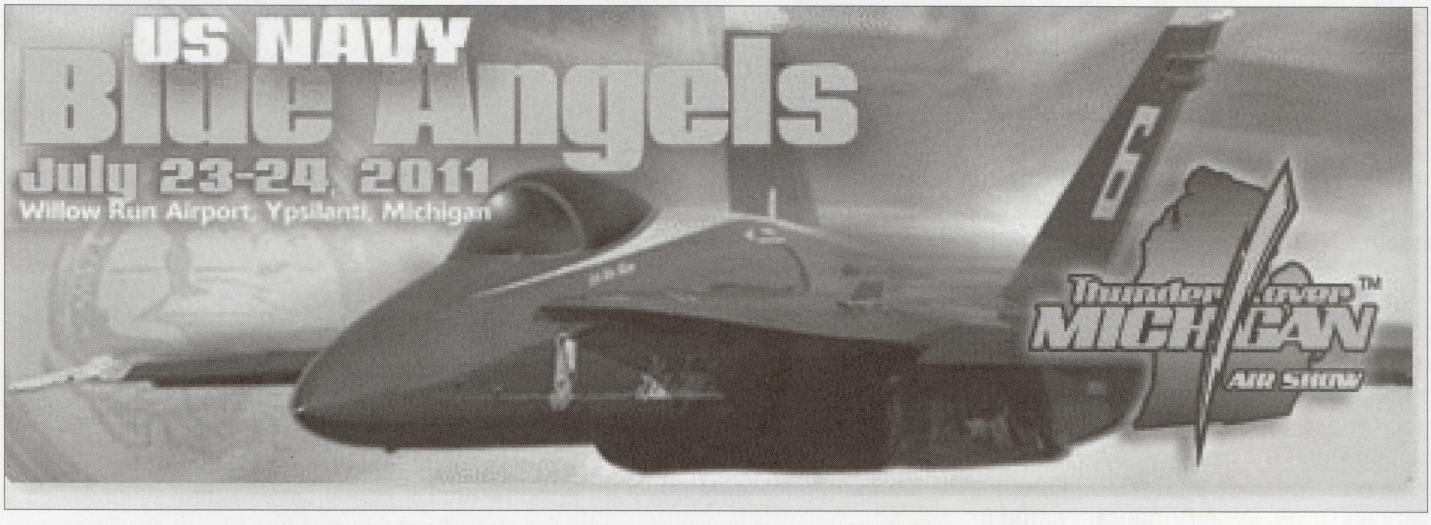
On a Tuesday, Bill Rodgers took time to give Doug Imlach and Ken Nelson instructions on doing the fabric work. On Thursday, Ken and Chris Curran already had a patch placed on one section! Wow! Great work, gentlemen.

SPEAKING OF PEOPLE

One of the fun aspects of our work is the interface we have with visitors. We love to talk to them about our challenges. They, in turn, enjoy learning about the airplanes we have on the floor. It is surprising to know that most visitors have little knowledge about them. Great! We get to educate them.

We have recently had visitors ask if they can see the air park. Restoration members with airport security badges are more than happy to accommodate them (weather permitting), even though a tour may take them away from their work. It is very good public relations to do this because people love to talk to others about good (or bad) experiences. We allow visitors to enter when we work out there during the outdoor work sessions. We are developing a regular schedule for "summertime" visitors to view the static displayed aircraft. A docent will be on hand to show them around the site.

R U READY? 100+ AIRPLANES !



Yankee Air Museum's 2011 THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN Air Show has the privilege and distinction of being selected as a Tier 1 Centennial of Naval Aviation Event. While there were hundreds of applications submitted to become a Tier 1 event, only 32 locations were chosen. These national events were selected by the United States Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard to coordinate and focus joint resources in supporting their Centennial Commemoration.

THUNDER OVER MICHIGAN is the only Tier 1 Centennial event in the states of Michigan and Ohio.

SAVE THIS NEW DATE

Saturday July 9th 1pm, Volunteer Mass Meeting

Final briefing for what to expect from air show coordinators **Kevin Walsh** and **Mike Luther**. Be there to make sure you have the latest information on the airshow. T-Shirts and wrist bands will be handed out. Check with your department head for your options if you absolutely cannot be there.

Yankee Air MUSEUM

IS BACK ONLINE!

That's right, visit YankeeAirMuseum.org to be connected to the latest and greatest online store! New items will be added regularly and sections will be added over the summer to make YankeeAirMuseum.org Southeast Michigan's Premier Site for Aviation related merchandise!

Use the coupon code "MEMBER" to get your 10% membership discount applied to your order. More planes, more collectibles, more pins, patches and challenge coins will be added in the very near future. Books, DVD's, Yankee Apparel will all be added as it becomes available. Want it, but don't see it? Let us know and we can get it for you! The Retail Team has lots of plans for this site, so come back often!

Yankee Well Represented at Mutual Concerns Conference

Eight Yankee members attended the Mutual Concerns of Air and Space Museums Conference that was held in Dayton, OH, April 10-13. Conference fees were covered by the Museum, but members paid for transportation and lodging. There was a lot of networking going on and some great sessions about all facets of museum operations. Randy Hotton and Rachel Krumwiede presented a session on "Will It Run: museums in transition;" a session on Yankee's transition from a member to a governance based operation.

Rachel also helped staff the display table for Museum in a Box that she helped develop for use by museum education programs around the country. The program is designed to get kids interested in math and science. Dr. R. Lynn Bondurant came in from Cleveland for the day to help her answer questions about the MIB program that NASA supports. See more on the web site www.museuminabox.org/

Yankee contingent at Mutual Concerns pose in front of the Museum in a Box table holding a cross section of a space shuttle tire Dr. Bondurant brought with him as part of the display that he and Rachel staffed one day.
Left to right: Steve Hopper (Museum Store), Bob Hassan (Living History), Tony Pequeno (restoration/living history) Rachel Krumwiede (Education Director), Ray Hunter (Chair of Board of Directors) Bob Capalano (restoration/living history), Randy Hotton (Executive Director), Dr. R. Lynn Bondurant (NASA - museum in a box) Dave Steiner (Hangar Happenings)

National Aeronautics and Space Administration

Museum in a BOX Series

A Bit of Aviation History Trivia

Did you know that there was a glider factory in Ypsilanti? They made the Franklin PS-2 glider there. And one has been donated to YAM. This was the result of Ray Hunter talking to the head of the National Soaring Museum www.nationalsoaringmuseum.org at the Mutual Concerns Conference. More in next issue of HH. Before then Google PS-2 glider. Hey, NAS Pensacola Museum has one, why not YAM? It's local av history.

Fly (or drive) to Lee Bottom for one of their sinful Sundays. Have a sinful Sundae and head home!

2011 Events
Lee Bottom Flying Field
SINFUL SUNDAYS
June 12, July 10, Aug 14
Wood, Fabric, & Tailwheels Fly-In
September 24
Stay informed by signing up to receive NORDO News (our online newsletter) FREE subscription available from our website
www.LeeBottom.com

Yankee Photo Gallery

Here's the link to the Yankee Photo Gallery maintained by Dwight Koslowski. The latest HH images in **COLOR** are there along with thousands of other Yankee and Yankee related photos.

http://public.fotki.com/Kos/members_photo_galle/

LOTS OF GOOD STUFF
INCLUDING AIR SHOW CREW REQUEST FORM
CHECK IT OUT AND BOOKMARK OR SAVE AS A FAVORITE

See Cockpit photos from the Bomber Buffing on the Yankee Media page

2011 C-47 EXCURSION SCHEDULE

With acquisition of hangar space at DTW, flights will originate there or YIP

DATE	DESTINATION

NAME	YAM MEMBER #/exp date	PHONE
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CONTACT STREET ADDRESS:	CITY	STATE	ZIP

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ALL TRIPS ARE FOR MEMBERS ONLY - JOIN TODAY!

A minimum of ten passengers needed to confirm a flight.
Seats must be purchased a minimum of two weeks prior to flight. Unless otherwise indicated, listed amounts are for flights only and do not include ground transportation or other incidental expenses. Dates and prices are subject to change. Destination additions or subtractions are possible as circumstances dictate. Cancellations, other than by Yankee Air Museum, from one to four weeks prior to flight will incur a $50.00 processing fee. Cancellations less than one week prior to flight will not receive a refund.
FOR RESERVATIONS or any questions:
Call **Bobbie Farkas (734) 546-8002** 24/7
or **complete the above Registration Form,** or E-mail
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One form per trip, per person please!
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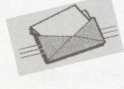

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Wednesday	June 1	Air Zoo of Kalamazoo, MI (Behind the Scenes Restoration Tour)	$120.00 !
Wednesday	June 15	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Wednesday	July 6	Three Museums at DeKalb County Airport, Auburn, IN**	$140.00
Wednesday	July 13	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
M -T- W	July 25-26-27	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00*
Thursday	July 28	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00
Saturday	July 30	EAA AirVenture, Oshkosh, WI***	$350.00 !
Tuesday	August 9	Mackinac Island	$280.00
Wednesday	August 10	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Friday	August 12	National Museum of the USAF (Behind the Scenes Restoration Tour)	$225.00
Tuesday	August 23	Cleveland Burke Lakefront Airport, OH USS Cod submarine, Great Lakes freighter tour, Rock & Roll Hall of Fame, IWASM (In'tl Women's Aviation & Space Museum)	$130.00
Saturday	September 10	Jackson Airport, MI (for lunch)#	$70.00
Wednesday	September 21	Detroit Tour (Departs approximately 5:30 PM)	$60.00
Fri. - Sun.	September 23-25	Lee Bottom, IN (Wood, Fabric and Tail-dragger Fly-in)	$380.00

* Call for additional costs: 734-546-8002
** Hoosier Air Museum, WWII Victory Museum and Auburn-Cord-Dusenberg Museum
*** Includes $35 Airshow Admission Fee
# Depart 11:15 AM; enjoy the comradery over a leisurely lunch (not included) and head back to the hangar
! Indicates this trip has sold at least 10 seats and is confirmed as going

\+ www.yankeeairmuseum.org Links on the web excursion page provide more information about your destination

World War II Weekend at Mid Atlantic Aviation Museum (MAAM)

Yankee member and P-38 ace in Burma, **Capt. Bill Behrns** will be one of the honored veterans at the Mid Atlantic Air Museum WWII weekend in Reading, PA, June 2-5. His squadron, the 459th had a special colorful Twin Dragon paint job, and Capt Behrns' plane was ***The San Joaquin Siren***.

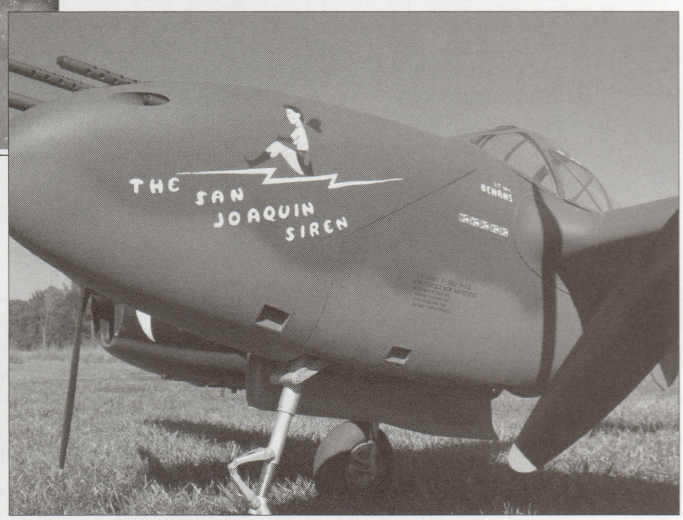
Capt Behrns had 104 missions and was shot down on a strafing run during his time with the 459th Squadron in the CBI (China, Burma, India) Theater of Operations. He bellied his P-38 in on the Burma Rd, spent the night in the jungle and his squadron buddies flew in the next day to get him, landing on the road in a Dauntless dive bomber they had "borrowed" previously when on R & R.

All three Yankee planes will be at the very popular Reading venue. To find out more visit the MAAM web site, www.maam.org

Top: Capt Behrns USAAF 1945
Left: Behrns looking at 1/72 scale model of his P-38, Dec 2007, built by Dave Brown
Left: SJS over rice paddies in Burma, notice the dragon eye and teeth on the left (#1) engine cowling
Far left: close up of SJS nose art

Left: 1/5th scale radio controlled SJS model built by Greg Zola.

Right: close up of SJS nose art on model at left



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If you are a chamber member within 70 miles or so of Yankee Air Museum, the PR Department would like to have you contact them. Part of PR's mission is to reach out to Chambers in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio. They want to know who you are. Contact Bob Hynes, bob.hynes@yankeeairmuseum.org

Ad space in HH

If your business would be interested in purchasing ad space in **Hangar Happenings**, please contact **Dave Steiner** via email at hangarhapps@yankeeairmuseum.org or call the Museum (734) 483-4030 ext 247, and leave a message for him to call you.

HH is mailed all around the world, so your message will reach the far corners of the globe. Most YAM members are in southeast Michigan and northwest Ohio, so you will also be reaching a local base and helping out the Museum.

These ads help offset the printing and mailing costs for HH.

ON THE HORIZON

AIR PARK
East side of Willow Run Airport
at Beck and Ecorse Roads

HEADQUARTERS !!!
47884 D Street , Willow Run Airport
www.yankeeairmuseum.org

JUNE

Wednesday 1st — General Membership meeting - "Bombs Away"; The Story of Military Aviation in the State of Michigan

Sunday 5th — **Pancake Breakfast and fly-in at Grosse Ile (KONZ)**, not a Yankee event but fun to attend. 734-675-0155, dthiel@grosseileairport.com

Saturday 18th — **Michigan Aviation Historical Society (MAHS)** - Yankee C & E Bldg 7pm. See details page 8. For information contact Todd Hackbarth toddhackbarth@yahoo.com

Sunday 19th — **Pancake Breakfast Father's Day** - EAA Chapt 113 @ Plymouth Mettetal Airport (1D2) **www.eaa113.org** or call (734) 459-9654. Many members of this EAA chapter are also Yankee members, and there are a lot of fly-ins and home builts, so you'll see some interesting AC.

JULY

Wed July 6th — General Membership meeting program - California Capitol Air Show, Sacramento 2010, A Gathering of P-38's. Dave Steiner

Saturday 9th — **NEW DATE !!! Air Show Volunteer Mass Briefing** - 1pm Yankee HQ

Saturday 23rd
Sunday 24th

AUGUST

Wednesday 3rd — General Membership meeting program - SAR in Vietnam, Ray Hunter

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Program is
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Dr. Hott will be working the A-Team during the air show. Thanks Bob!

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